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STATEMENT OF GOVERNOR HALEY BARBOUR

This statement on activities in the special legislative session was made by Governor Haley Barbour today as he and MDOT officials announced re-opening of an Interstate 10 bridge over the Pascagoula River in Jackson County:

“I am against expanding gaming beyond the counties where it is currently allowed. That prohibition was part of my campaign platform, and most religious leaders supported my position. Late Friday night, the State Senate voted on a provision to keep gaming illegal in every county where it is not allowed today, but some religious leaders opposed this vote to keep gaming illegal. I hope there was a misunderstanding, and that the opportunity to prohibit the expansion of gaming will be voted on again next week.”

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